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Patent Nos. DE 197 54 546 C1, JP 04 322 886 A, and JP 05 192 774 A are discussed in the Specification on page 2 in the last two paragraphs on that page.

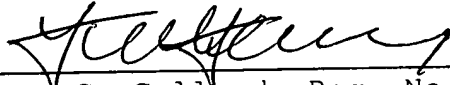
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